

SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
MINUTES

Members present: Mr. Sean Clough, Chair, Mrs. Kellie-Ann Heenan, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Virginia Harnois Secretary, Mrs. Rose Marie Cipriano, and Mr. Brent Barrows. Also present were: Mr. Robert O'Brien, Superintendent, Mrs. Bridget Morisseau, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Craig Levis, Special Education Director, Lisa Cournoyer, Director of Financial Operations, Benjamin Scungio, Esq. School Committee/School Department Attorney, and Ryan Strik, Interim Student Representative to the School Committee. Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. Mr. O'Brien read the Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification.
Mr. Scungio swore in School Committee members, Mrs. Virginia Harnois, Mrs. Rose Marie Cipriano, and Mr. Brent Barrows.

2. Reorganization of the School Committee

- A) Mr. Scungio called for nominations for Chairperson of the Smithfield School Committee. Mrs. Cipriano moved to nominate Mr. Clough to Chairperson. Mr. Barrows seconded the motion. Mr. Scungio called for other nominations for Chairperson. There were no other nominations to the position of Chairperson. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Mr. Clough abstained from the vote.

Mr. Clough called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Smithfield School Committee. Mr. Barrows moved to nominate Mrs. Heenan to Vice-Chairperson. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Mrs. Heenan abstained from the vote.

Mr. Clough called for nominations for Secretary of the Smithfield School Committee. Mr. Barrows moved to nominate Mrs. Harnois to Secretary. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Mrs. Harnois abstained from the vote.

Mr. Clough thanked his colleagues for the position of Chairperson. He congratulated Mrs. Heenan and Mrs. Harnois on their appointments.

- B) Mr. Clough made the following appointments to the school committee subcommittees:
 1. Mrs. Harnois and Mrs. Cipriano to the Elementary Reconfiguration Committee.
 2. Mr. Barrows to the School Construction Building Committee.

Mr. Clough announced that Consent Agenda Item 3.1 Approval of minutes of the November 3, 2014 school committee meeting would be voted on separately from the Consent Agenda because he, Mrs. Harnois, Mrs. Heenan are the only members that could vote on the minutes from the school committee meeting of November 3, 2014.

Mr. Clough also announced that Consent Agenda Item 3.4 (B) would be removed from the agenda and not acted upon.

3. Mrs. Harnois moved to approve Consent Agenda Items:

- 3.2 Bills

- A) Regular Bills
- B) Prepaid Checks from November 3, 2014 through November 14, 2014.

- 3.3 Leaves:

- A) Kelly Marshall, Maternity Leave, March 10, 2015 through April 24, 2015.

3.4 Appointments

- A) David Cote, Swim Coach, High School, Winter Season 2014-2015 School Year, pending receipt of successful BCI check.

Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Harnois moved to approve Consent Agenda Item:

3.1 Minutes of the November 3, 2014 School Committee Meeting

Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion, the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

4. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Interim High school student representative Ryan Strik reported:

- Ryan welcomed the two new school committee members and congratulated Mrs. Harnois on being re-elected.
- The last college representative visit to the high school will be from Johnson & Wales.
- Financial Aid night is this Wednesday, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the high school.
- The high school will be hosting a home playoff football game on this Friday at 7:00 p.m.
- The start of the second quarter begins today.

5. The Committee discussed the School Committee Rules.

Mrs. Harnois suggested changes to the policy #1020 regarding cell phone usage at school committee meetings. The suggested changes will be incorporated into the policy and brought back to the next school committee meeting for review and approval.

6. Mr. Barrows moved that the 2015 annual School Committee Calendar be approved. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

7. Mrs. Heenan moved that the bid for Ice Melt be awarded to W.B. Mason in the amount of \$9.50/bag. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The Northwest Consortium solicited bids for ice melt. Three bids were received. Mrs. Cournoyer and Mr. Mencucci reviewed the bids and recommended the bid be awarded to W.B. Mason.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee of the annual workshop at the high school that will be to go over any changes to the high school graduation requirements. He suggested January 10, January 24th and January 31st as potential dates for the workshop. Mr. O'Brien asked the Committee to check their calendars and to let him know a date that is convenient for them.

10. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

11. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Barrows thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the school committee, he said he looks forward to working with the school committee. He said he served in the past as the student representative to the school committee here in Smithfield, and he has always wanted to give back to the community serving on the school committee.

Mrs. Cipriano also thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the school committee. She thanked Mr. O'Brien for taking time with her to tour the schools. She said it was a pleasant experience. Mrs. Cipriano mentioned that she was very pleased with the work that was done at Old County Road

Elementary School. She said it was more than just windows that was done at the school, there is a new ventilation system, and the work that was done was done very well.

Mrs. Harnois reminded the new school committee members that the RI Association of School Committees will be hosting School Committee 101 on this coming Saturday. She said it's a good opportunity for new school committee members and she highly suggests the new members attend. Mr. Scungio will be teaching two of the sessions.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Closed) pursuant to RI General Laws Section 42-46-5(a):

At 7:27 p.m. Mrs. Harnois moved to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to:

- A) Consideration of personnel matter regarding teacher benefit. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)
- B) Matters pertaining to personnel in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)1.

Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. This requires an individual vote. The individual vote was 5-0 polled by Mr. Clough, Chair.

Returned to open session at 8:25 p.m. Mrs. Harnois moved to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to sustain the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the request for catastrophic illness made by Mrs. Harnois and seconded by Mrs. Heenan. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Harnois; seconded by Mrs. Heenan. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Petrone
Secretary